



Hemlock Haven

Hungry Mother State Park

Marion, Virginia

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green** has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, **Virginia Green** encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations; and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

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"Hemlock Haven Conference Center, at Hungry Mother State Park, offers meeting space for families, business and government groups. The main conference hall will accommodate up to one hundred and fifty guests, and two adjacent meeting rooms offer meeting space for groups ranging from fifteen to fifty. Lodging and catering services are also available."

Green Statement: "Being a part of a conservation agency, we strive to make "green" activities a part of our routine operation. We feel that it is our responsibility as stewards for the Commonwealth of Virginia to lessen our impact on the environment and to engage in "green" practices wherever possible."



CORE ACTIVITIES for Conference Centers

☑ This symbol indicates a required activity for Virginia Green Conference Centers. Participants self-certify that these activities are in place and they provide additional specifics on other activities. Visitors to **Hemlock Haven** can expect the following practices:

☑ **Recycling and Waste Reduction.** All conference centers must provide for recycling at their events. Aluminum can and plastic bottle recycling are a must. Recycling of steel cans, cardboard, office paper, and composting of waste foods are encouraged as well. This facility pledges that they:

- Recycle: aluminum cans, plastic, batteries, electronic equipment
- Clearly marked recycling bins in conference room and bins located throughout the park

kitchen (or meetings/events)

- Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste

dining room (or meetings/events)

- Use reusable dishware and glassware & minimize use of disposables
- Use water pitches and filtered water to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper

office/purchasing

- Make 2-sided copies / printed materials
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
building and grounds
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Use latex paints
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use less toxic materials
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping

☒ **Styrofoam elimination and reduction of disposables.** Virginia Green Conference centers are encouraged to eliminate or minimize the use of Styrofoam-based products and to use alternative disposables that are made of natural products and/or are bio-degradable. This facility pledges that they:

- Use disposable containers that are recyclable
- Do not use Styrofoam

☒ **Water Conservation.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Use water-flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use
- Have:
 - low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads
 - low flow toilets
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds



☒ **Energy Conservation.** The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills
- Use compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and in canned lighting
- Have high efficiency heating & air conditioning (HVAC) systems
- Perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have individual thermostats for each room/area
- Use natural lighting
- Use directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas

☒ **Green Events Package.** Virginia Green conference centers must offer a “green” or “environmentally-friendly” package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided.

For more information on **Hemlock Haven Conference Center**, see www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/hem.shtml or contact **Park Manager** at hungry.mother@dcr.virginia.gov or 276-781-7400.

For more information on the *Virginia Green* program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen/homepage.html or go to www.viriniagreentravel.org.



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